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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 09/20/2012**

Arlington Conservation Commission  
 Minutes  
 September 20, 2012

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Charles Tirone, Eileen Coleman, Curt Connors, Chris Naylor, Michele Durocher, and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Also present were Justin Quattrini, John Michalak, Richard Kirby, and Molly Groome.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

The board met on Sept. 14 with Mr. Quattrini at the **Hemlock St. conservation land** to review possible swapping with areas of his parcel. Ms. Garnett had additional thoughts that could benefit from discussion with colleagues of hers. The front fence line is different from that on the last sketch from Mr. Quattrini. The board may also want to consider a Conservation Restriction instead of a land swap. Mr. Quattrini was investigating whether the conservation land was under Article 97 and whether it was properly noticed at the time of sale.

Ms. Beckwith reported that the dock at **Addison St** should be removed in the near future. Mr. Stevens asked that this be reported back to the Legal Dept.

8pm **Notice of Intent**– 459 Mystic St, landscaping redevelopment

Mr. Kirby presented the project to rebuild a deck, rebuild the driveway, install stormwater infiltration systems, and move a dog run. In order to perform the work, two large hemlock trees (with wooly adelgid) and a birch (they may be able to work around this tree), would need to be removed. A tree replacement plan was submitted at the hearing that included three zones of the property where the new trees could be planted. The homeowner agreed to notify the Cons. Administrator when the replacement trees are installed and provide a sketch plan with their location. The tree replacement plan included a list of tree species to provide flexibility when going to the nursery to select the trees.

Mr. Tirone asked questions regarding the soil tests for the infiltration systems and whether a percolation test had been completed. Mr. Kirby said that a percolation test had not been completed but based upon the soil test borings the proposed systems were designed. Another inspection is performed upon the excavation for the installation.

Garnett/Naylor motioned to close the hearing; motion passed unanimously.

Connors/White motioned to approve the proposed project upon the condition that 1) a sketch of the replacement trees is submitted when they are installed, 2) that three (3) different trees are selected from the list in order to provide diversity and trees are planted in all three areas; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm – **Request for Determination of Applicability** – Massachusetts Ave at Alewife Brook, roadway reconstruction

Mr. Michalak presented the work to resurface the roadway asphalt and rebuild the sidewalks in the resource areas adjacent to Alewife Brook. The existing catch basins will be reset to adjust their rims to the height of the new road. This work is the eastern end of the larger road reconstruction project from Pond Lane to the Cambridge City line. Along the entire project, where new catch basins are being installed, they will be deep sump catch basins.

Mr. Tirone would like silt sacks in the catch basins and they be cleaned before and after the project.

Mr. Michalak reported that the advertising date for the state contract is for March 2013, so that would mean that construction would start in the late summer 2013.

Mr. Tirone also asked for more erosion control in the area of Alewife Brook at the railing at the bridge, the contractor could just attach siltation fabric to the existing railing.

White/Garnett motioned that even though the work is within an area of jurisdiction, that the work, as proposed and conditioned above, will not impact the resource area and that no Notice of Intent is required; motion passed unanimously.

Other Commission Business:

Mr. Tirone drafted the **9/6 minutes** and distributed a hardcopy to the board. Mr. Stevens asked for an electronic version also to be forwarded to us.

The board reported on **Town Day** and Ms. Durocher forwarded \$10 to Ms. Beckwith for the sale of one of the Invasive Plants booklets. They reviewed written comments from attendees. Mr. White reported that they sold many copies of the Reservoir calendar.

The **Walking Book** subcommittee will meet next Wed, 9/26.

Mr. White reported that the eroded area at the **Arlington Reservoir** was filled in and repaired. The board wanted to inspect the spillway apron to see how it fared being used in the water chestnut removal project. Ms. Beckwith will send out a Doodle for a site walk.

Mr. White reported that the **Hurd field porous parking lot** has been installed along with signs explaining it. The regular pavement at the entrance has not yet been completed.

Mr. White reported that the access through the **Arlington Catholic athletic field** has been curtailed by new fencing at Water St and to Buzzell field. The only access open is to Cookes Hollow.

Ms. Garnett reported that there is still the large pile of logs and chippings in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery adjacent to **Meadowbrook Park**. Ms. Beckwith will direct the DPW to install erosion control between the chip pile and the wetland.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Commission Administrator